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LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF PETROL PUMPS LPG AGENCIES TO SC/ ST/ OBCS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): the number of applications received by the Government from SC/ST/OBCs for allotment of petrol pumps/LPG (Liquified Petroleum Gas) agencies since year 2004 to till date, State-wise;

(b): the number of petrol pumps/LPG agencies allotted to SC/ST/OBCs during the last three years, State-wise and company-wise; and

(c): the number of petrol pumps/LPG agencies likely to be allotted to SC/ST/OBCs during the current year, State-wise and company-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a)&(b): The selection of dealers/distributors of petroleum products are done by the public sector oil marketing companies (OMCs) viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) in accordance with objective and transparent guidelines laid down by them for the purpose. These guidelines provide for 50% reservation of retail outlet dealerships, LPG distributorships and SKO-LDO dealerships for different sections of society as under:-

(i) Defence personnel - 8%
(ii) Freedom Fighters - 2%
(iii) Outstanding Sports Persons - 2%
(iv) Paramilitary/ Police/ Government Personnel - 8%
(v) Physically Handicapped Persons - 5%
(vi) Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes - 25%

33% of the dealerships /distributorships in all categories mentioned above will be reserved for women belonging to that category. State-wise number of applications received under various categories, including SC/ST category for allotment of retail outlet dealerships and LPG agencies and allotments made by the OMCs are available with the Director(Marketing) of the OMCs concerned.

(c): It is not possible to indicate a precise time-frame for the allotment of retail outlets/LPG distributorships during the current year as the selection process adopted by OMCs involves various steps like issue of advertisement, scrutiny of applications and documents, holding of interviews of the eligible candidates, release of merit panels, field investigation in respect of the selected candidate, etc.